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TITLE	HEAD STACK ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A TRACE SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY BACKING LAYER AND A GROUND TRACE FOR GROUNDING A SLIDER
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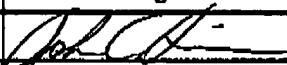
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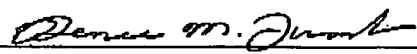
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